

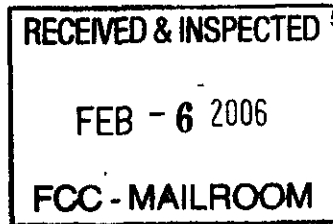


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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: MB Docket No. 05-311**

In the Matter of Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992

To the FCC:

These comments are filed by the City of Saratoga Springs, NY in support of the comments filed by the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors ("NATOA").

We propose that any changes to the telecommunications legislation listed above preserve local government's authority with regard to franchising and the public rights-of-way. We are not opposed to modernizing, but we are opposed to subsidies for major corporations in the guise of reducing their obligations that would serve the public interest.

We have one incumbent cable company (now Time Warner), and have had only one since our first contract in the mid-70's (although the contract has changed hands several times). We have never been approached by a second company, even though we have a high penetration rate (roughly 80%), and a population of approximately 26,000 people, with 11,600 homes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Valerie Keehn, Mayor

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